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ARABIA.

Reports from Aden—Plague.

Consul Masterson reports as follows:

Plague cases and deaths at Aden for six days ended March 3, 1905.

Locality.	Indigenous.			
	February 26-28.		March 1-3.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Crater.....	6	7	5	7
Maalla.....	8	8	.....	.....
Tawahi.....	14	8	15	11
Shaikh Othman.....	62	63	59	52
Cantonment:				
Steamer Point.....	2	2	.....	.....
Crater.....	2	.....	1	.....
Khor Maksar.....	.....	2	.....	.....
Total.....	94	90	80	70

NOTE.—In return of plague cases and deaths for the week ended February 18, 1905, for 257 cases of plague and 247 deaths in Shaikh Othman read 254 cases and 244 deaths. See Public Health Reports, March 24, 1905, page 504.

Week ended March 10, 1905.

Locality.	Indigenous.	
	Cases.	Deaths.
Crater.....	6	6
Maalla.....	6	5
Tawahi.....	22	20
Shaikh Othman.....	76	75
Cantonment:		
Steamer Point.....	1	1
Crater.....	1	1
Khor Maksar.....	4	.....
Total.....	116	108

AUSTRALIA.

Reports from Brisbane—Plague bulletins—Plague in Queensland and New South Wales.

Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne, forwards the following:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, QUEENSLAND,
Brisbane, February 18, 1905.

Plague bulletin No. 7, for week ended 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, February 18, 1905:

PLAGUE IN MAN.

The following 5 cases of plague occurred in Brisbane during the above-mentioned period:

February 13.—A man, aged 27 years, following the calling of a butcher at Paddington, where he also resided. At his residence 1 rat and 3 mice were found, but they were not plague-infected. A rat and

a mouse, too decomposed for examination, were also found at the patient's shop.

February 14.—A schoolboy, aged 8 years, residing with his parents at Toowong. This patient frequently visited a produce store situated in Roma street, city. One rat, not infected, was found at the boy's home.

February 15.—A man, aged 21 years, an employee in a firm carrying on business in Roma street, and a resident of Toowong. No rats were found at the patient's residence. On the 8th instant 142 rats and mice were found in the block of buildings where the patient worked. Many of them were too decomposed for examination.

February 16.—A girl, aged 19 years, residing at Logan road, South Brisbane.

February 16.—A married woman, 40 years of age, residing at Wickham Terrace, city.

Rat gangs are at present engaged on the premises of the residences of the last two patients.

SUMMARY.

Number of cases declared to date	16
Cases declared during week	5
Cases discharged	0
Remaining under treatment	11
Deaths during the week	0

Last case February 16, 1905.

PLAGUE IN RATS.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number destroyed during period mentioned	781	274	1,055
Total number examined at Bacteriological Institute	432	171	603
Total number found infected	15	0	15

Date of last infected rat, February 17, 1905.

LOCATION OF PLAGUE-INFECTED RATS.

February 11, grocer's store, Wickham street, valley, 1; hotel, Queen street, city,^a 1; tobacconist's premises, George street, 1. February 13, implement store, Boundary street, 1. February 14, hotel, Queen street,^a 1; Botanic Garden's stables, 1; chemist's premises, George street, 1. February 15, hotel, Petrie's Bight, 1; printer's establishment, Roma street, 1. February 16, tailor and clothier's premises, Queen street, 1; hotel, George street,^a 1; jeweler's premises, Adelaide street, 1; business premises, Eagle lane, 1; February 17, hotel, George street^a 1.

B. BURNETT HAM, *Commissioner of Public Health.*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, NEW SOUTH WALES.

Plague, Clarence and Richmond Rivers.

Bulletin No. 4, for week ended at 1 p. m. on Saturday, February 11, 1905:

PLAGUE IN MAN.

Remaining under treatment February 4, 1905, 3; notified during week, 1; discharged during week, none; died during week, none. On Friday, the 10th instant, a suspicious case of illness was reported from

^a Same premises.

Ballina, on the Richmond River, a town distant about 60 miles from Ulmarra. The case was visited by the assistant medical officer of the Government in charge of the outbreak on the Clarence on Saturday, and reported to be plague. The patient has been isolated and all precautions have been taken to prevent spread of infection. A sanitary inspector and gang of ratcatchers have been dispatched to Ballina; the municipality has been declared infected, and steps have been taken to prevent export of infected merchandise therefrom.

PLAGUE IN RATS.

Infected rats have been found at 3 premises on the Clarence River since the 4th instant.

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary*.

Report from Newcastle—Plague.

The following is received from the Department of State, under date of March 28:

A telegram of the 27th instant has been received from the consul at Newcastle, Australia, reporting the presence of plague at that port.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

Reports from Fiume—Inspection of emigrants.

Consular Agent La Guardia reports, March 3 and 17, as follows:

Steamship *Slavonia* sailed March 2 for New York; inspected and passed 1,871 steerage passengers, rejected at final inspection, 7; inspected and labeled 2,300 small and 28 large pieces of baggage, disinfected 8 pieces, containing used feathers and bedding.

March 17.—Steamship *Pannonia*, sailed March 16 for New York; inspected and passed 1,754 steerage passengers; rejected at final inspection, 32; inspected and labeled 2,000 pieces small and 30 pieces large baggage; disinfected, 10 pieces.

Report from Trieste—Inspection of emigrants.

Consul Hossfeld reports, March 14, as follows:

The Cunard steamship *Pannonia* left this port on March 13, bound for New York, via Fiume and Palermo.

The number of steerage passengers embarked was 202; at the final inspection 7 were rejected. The baggage of all the emigrants, consisting of 221 pieces, was disinfected.

CHINA.

Reports from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, March 7, as follows:

During the week ended February 18, 1905, there were inspected 3 vessels, 138 crew, and 1 steerage passenger. To passengers and crew destined to American ports, 88 certificates of vaccination were issued. Manifests were viséed for 7,364 pieces of freight, and the effects of 5